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SUMMARY: CAPUCHINS NOW STATE THAT REPORTS OF MASSACRES AT VARILLAL
AND KASKITA ARE VERIFIED BY EYEWITNESSES. END SUMMARY

1. POLOFF MET ON MARCH 3 WITH CAPUCHIN FATHER DAVID ZYWIC TO GO OVER
RIDING ARTICLE. HE SAID ARTICLE APPEARED TO BE ACCURATE REPORTING
OF RIDING'S INTERVIEW WITH CAPUCHIN PRIESTS. POLOFF COMMENTED HE
WOULD HAVE WRITTEN STORY DIFFERENTLY BY REFERRING TO REPORTS RE-
CEIVED BY PRIESTS WHICH THEY BELIEVED TO BE ACCURATE RATHER THAN
ATTRIBUTE TO THE PRIESTS ALLEGATIONS THAT THESE INCIDENTS HAD
ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE. FATHER DAVID REPLIED THAT IT SHOULD BE
REMEMBERED THEY DID HAVE FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF SOME INCIDENTS, E.G.,
BURIED BODIES.

2. POLOFF NEXT REVIEWED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TWO REPORTED
MASSACRE EVENTS HAD BEEN TOLD TO PRIESTS BY SECOND-HAND SOURCES.
FATHER DAVID REPLIED THAT HAD BEEN TRUE LAST WEEK WHEN POLOFF AND
RIDING HAD MET WITH CAPUCHINS, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY ANOTHER PRIEST, WHO
CHOSE TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, HAD RETURNED TO MANAGUA AND REPORTED HE
HAD FOUND AN EYEWITNESS TO GUARDIA KILLINGS AT VIRILLAL AND THAT A
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PERSON IN KASKITA ALSO CLAIMED TO BE AN EYEWITNESS TO GUARDIA
KILLINGS.

3. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA'S STATEMENT THAT GON IS
WAITING FOR SPECIFIC DATA FROM CAPUCHINS ON ALLEGED MASSACRES SUCH
AS NAMES OF THOSE KILLED OR WITNESSES, AND CAPUCHIN'S CLAIM TO NOW
HAVE LOCATED EYEWITNESSES, EMB PLANS TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE BOTH

PARTIES TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING A MEANS TO ESTABLISH
THE FACT REGARDING THESE REPORTED INCIDENTS. HOWEVER, THE BELIEF
AMONG CAMPESINOS THAT THEY WILL BE KILLED IF THEY ACCURSE THE GN OF
ABUSES AND THE RELUCTANCE OF THE CAPUCHINS TO IDENTIFY TO EMBOFF
ONE OF THEIR OWN ORDER AS THE BEARER OF EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT, DOES NOT
AUGER WELL FOR THIS ENDEAVOR.
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